



Australian Government



## Green Army projects

The Green Army is a hands-on, practical, grassroots environmental action programme that supports local environmental and heritage conservation projects across Australia. It is an initiative for young Australians aged 17–24 years interested in protecting their local environment. Projects will be guided by local community needs.

Projects can take place across urban, regional and remote Australia on public land, Indigenous-held lands, or private land where there is a clear community and environment and/or heritage benefit.

### Who and what is eligible?

Community organisations, environment groups and local councils across Australia can bid to host a Green Army project. Applicants must be a legal entity or sponsored by a legal entity that can apply on their behalf (such as a local government, an individual, incorporated Indigenous organisation or regional natural resource management organisation).

Projects must have a clear environment or heritage conservation focus and offer participants valuable practical experience. Projects must be undertaken within Australia and its territories and contribute to Australia's national and international environmental priorities and obligations.

Green Army projects must run between 20-26 weeks and may involve activities such as:

- propagating and planting native seedlings
- weed control
- re-vegetation and regeneration of local parks
- habitat protection and restoration
- improving water quality by cleaning up waterways
- re-vegetation of sand dunes and mangroves
- creek bank regeneration
- foreshore and beach restoration
- construction of boardwalks and walking tracks to protect local wildlife; and
- cultural heritage restoration.

A full list of eligible project activities is provided in the Project Guidelines available at the Green Army website: [www.environment.gov.au/green-army](http://www.environment.gov.au/green-army)

## Who is involved?

Following the assessment and approval of projects, successful project applicants become Project Sponsors. Project Sponsors enter into an agreement with an appointed Service Provider to deliver the project. The agreement details each party's rights and obligations, and outlines planning for the project. Each project receives a team of up to nine Green Army participants and a team supervisor.

## Who covers the costs of the project?

The Green Army Programme covers costs associated with the team, such as participant allowances; supervisor wages; uniforms; safety gear and basic equipment such as hand tools; participant training; and local transport costs. Additional funding may also be available for project specific materials, such as seedlings, herbicide, mulch, matting and tree guards, in addition to the basic materials required to deliver a project. Project Sponsors are required to cover any other costs to support the successful delivery of the project. The Green Army is not a grants programme. Cash funding will not be provided to Project Sponsors.

## What makes a good project?

The Green Army Programme is seeking projects that:

- have a clear environment or heritage conservation focus that contribute to a relevant national priority or international obligation
- have a clear public benefit and the support of the local community
- offer participants a valuable and practical experience
- have clearly defined and feasible activities that represent value for money and can be delivered by Green Army teams
- comprehensively and appropriately address risk, and
- consider the work health and safety of all involved in the project.

## How do I apply?

Go to the Green Army project website page: [www.environment.gov.au/land/green-army/projects](http://www.environment.gov.au/land/green-army/projects)

- Potential Project Sponsors are encouraged to discuss their project with one or more of the appointed Green Army Service Providers. Service Provider contact details by state and territory are available at the Green Army website.
- **Read** the Guidelines.
- **Download and complete** the online application form addressing each of the selection criteria in the relevant fields.

Please note each downloaded Application Form has an embedded unique identifier as a means to exclude duplicate submissions. This means the same form cannot be submitted for more than one Application. For each individual Application, a separate Application Form will need to be downloaded from the website.

- **Submit** your application by the closing date.

If you don't have access to the Internet, you can request a hard copy application form and the guidelines by calling the Green Army hotline on 1800 780 730.

## Want to know more?

A list of frequently asked questions is available at the Green Army website:

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